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**NEWS RELEASE**

**MAN PLEADS GUILTY AND IS SENTENCED IN 2010 HASTINGS CHASE  
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Roman Tokarev, age 28, pled guilty today to felony offenses of Assault in the Second Degree, Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm and was sentenced to 120 months in prison by Judge Thomas Bibus in connection with a police chase that ended in Hastings on December 2, 2009. In attempting to apprehend Tokarev, multiple law enforcement officers discharged their service firearms. The ten year sentence is an aggravated durational departure from the presumptive sentence of 57 months. The departure was based on the fact that the offense was his third violent offense. Tokarev's prior felony convictions were for Aggravated Robbery and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. Tokarev has been in custody since the date of the offense.

For a copy of the amended criminal complaint, go to <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch>.

Backstrom commented: "It is extremely fortunate that no one was seriously injured during this high speed chase".

Backstrom praised the coordinated response of members from the Hastings Police Department, the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Marshal's Task Force and the Department of Corrections' Fugitive Apprehension Unit as the outcome could have had tragic results.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.